



Attorney Docket No. 56351.000009  
Application Serial No. 09/524,253

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed May 18, 2000, Applicant is submitting herewith an executed Sole Declaration for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of March 18, 2000 be granted to this application.

**SUBMISSION OF VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Applicant is also submitting herewith a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - Small Business Concern in the above-captioned application. Submission of the attached Verified Statement is believed to entitle Applicant to pay reduced fees in accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") rules.

**SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENT FOR RECORDATION**

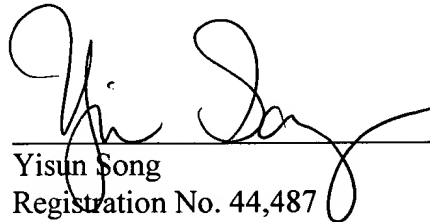
Further, Applicant is submitting an executed Assignment document and Assignment Recordation cover sheet for recordal in the Patent Office. The Assignment Recordation fee of \$40.00 is included in the attached check.

As stated above, attached is a check totaling \$295.00 (\$190.00 to cover the fee for the two-month Extension of Time, \$65.00 to cover the filing of the enclosed late Declaration, and \$40.00 to cover the Assignment Recordation fee). Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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